

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SAVING A  
DEFINITION FOR AUTOMATED DATA PROCESSING

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A number of items of data are obtained from a data  
source (12), and are processed and then stored in a data  
destination (16-17). The data items may each include image  
data, text data, numeric data or some other type of data,  
or a combination of these different types of data. The  
processing of the data is controlled by a project  
definition (14, 71, 101), which includes several modules  
selected from a variety of available modules (Tables 1-4).  
10 The modules have input and output ports that are  
interrelated by binding information. Each project  
definition is expressed in a public communication protocol,  
one example of which is the eXtensible Markup Language  
(XML) protocol.  
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